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Jane E. Henney,  
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5600 Fishers Lane  
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Dear Ms. Henney:

This is to urge you to take all measures possible to stop livestock producers from routinely adding antibiotics to animal feed to promote growth. Adding them means that they lose their value for human medical use, as is the case of vancomycin; or they cause their close relatives to lose their value, as is most likely starting with Synercid, cousin of virginiamycin, which is being fed to poultry.

I lived in Europe more than three decades and can assure you that opposition to such use is widespread and not dependent on what the U.S. was or was not doing. Realizing we did not know enough about them, we did not want such antibiotics in our animals, and the U.S. just happened to be adding them.

Yours truly,

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